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The following reproduced secret records of a Communist Party cell in the Regional II Direction, Rumanian State Railroads (CFR), Braila, are of interest since they supply useful information on the organization and activities of the cell and sector organizations of the Rumanian Communist Party; their relationship to higher headquarters in the party hierarchy; propaganda and recruiting techniques of the party; and the nature of the secret records kept on each party member. These documents have been selected from a file covering the period January - June 1946. Several of the general instructions to cells here reproduced, however, including a list of cell officers and their duties, were undoubtedly prepared for distribution to party organisations during 1945. It is believed that the party organization has not changed substantially since the period covered by these documents.

- Organization of the Party Cell. The following undated document, apparently distributed by the county organization of the party, defines a cell and describes the duties of its officers (passages emphasized were underlined in original document):

(Undated)

Regulations Guiding the Activity of the Cell Offices

Duty of a party member.

In order to be a party member, he must follow the party line, must contribute to the support of the party and, especially, work in the interests of the party.

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The party cell comprises all party members who work in an enterprise, institution or district and who are not

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ enrolled in other cells.

What is the cell bureau?

In order to direct this cell, a few comrades are chosen from among the best prepared and the most determined.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ In order to fulfill the work successfully, we must bide by the principle "one man, one job".

What is the cell committee?

In cells comprising a greater number of members (more than one hundred), it is necessary to form cells according to divisions of labor, in order to control the activities of all party members. The activity of these cells is centralized in a cell committee consisting of 5-7 comrades.

Duties of members belonging to the cell bureau.

Political secretary (Secretarul politic). He coordinates the activity of the party cell and is responsible for the cell's activity to the County Organization. In order to fulfill these duties, he must:

Keep contact with the organization secretary of the district; on the basis of instructions received, must elaborate in the meeting of the cell a concrete plan of work; follows closely the progress of the work-plan and sees how the comrades in the cell office are carrying out the work; receives from the comrades in the cell reports on work accomplished and sends to the County Organization a report every two weeks on the activity of the entire cell; must know the jobs of those in responsible positions in the cell in order to be able to distribute the work.

Secretary in charge of cadres (Secretarul cu cadrele). Tries to develop the cell from the point of view of quality and quantity. To this end he keeps a register with data on all party members. He notes their personal characteristics, the work that they do in the party, the manner in which they fulfill their duties, their political development in the cadre schools, etc.

He selects them according to their abilities and uses them in the positions in which they can successfully fulfill the missions assigned them.

He also has the obligation to register their violations of party discipline, and to resolve such within the cell if they are minor or to notify higher authorities if they are serious.

In order to fulfill this mission, he must know how to train the entire cell.

He will send to the County Organization a report of every cell meeting (concise but complete) so that we may know what was

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discussed, the problems brought up, their solution and the manner in which material learned in the cadre schools has been delivered. He will inform us by means of a monthly report (on the 23rd of the month) of the elements which have been outstanding in their work.

He controls the manner in which personal data are filled out (enrollments), the autobiography, and whether it contains precise data, and members in order to see that damaging elements are not infiltrating into the party (such as speculators, common law violators, legionnaires, saboteurs, and slanderers of the party).

Since it has been observed that cell meetings have been held with unprepared material, we enclose a plan for this meeting, after which the secretary in charge of cadres has the duty to tell each comrade in turn to come prepared to the cell.

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~~Comment:~~ Reference is apparently to document immediately following.)

Organization Section (Resortul organizatoric) is concerned with the organizational life of the cell.

It must know in detail the number of workers and employees who work in enterprises, how many are syndicate members and how many are not. According to labor divisions the number of workers, men, women, apprentices; Communist party members (male, female); members of other parties (male, female), and their degree of influence.

It must know how to apply the economic laws (economats), salaries, and know which are the unhealthy currents in the factory and who introduces them. It notifies the political secretary of these latter in order that measures may be taken against them.

It must know the work of the party and point out possibilities of party development.

Since party members who have positions in factory committees, production committees, cultural commissions, etc., know the situation in the factory, they must come with concrete proposals for the formation of the work-plan.

The Section completes a table with all this data at the end of each month which it forwards to the party.

It has the mission of introducing the political line of the party into the cell and, by means of the cell, into the enterprise, institution, or mass organization.

Political Education Section (Resortul educatie politica) must be familiar with the problems of the day, using as documentation the activists' notebook, the newspaper Scanteia, and the instructions of county political education section.

Participates regularly in agitation schools where it will obtain material and advice for combatting unhealthy currents and for explaining the party's actions.

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Mobilizes among the members of the party and among the other workers some who will speak for the party line.

Reports to the cell and to the county political education section on the morale in the enterprises and the dominant political currents.

"Mass" Section (Resortul de masa) must establish relations with the mass organizations with which there is greatest contact. (labor unions in the factories, Ploughmen's Front in the villages).

It must know in detail the labor union laws, taking its information from Syndicate Life, Monthly Bulletin, and from the labor union school.

It must present talks to the cell on current problems, on which it must be well-informed, and must know of the work of the factory committee (without interfering) through relations with party members who have positions in the committee. It presents current problems to the cell in order to develop a single line of action for union meetings.

It must introduce the point of view adopted by a majority at the cell meeting among the other party members, in order that our point of view be achieved.

Cultural Section (Resortul cultural) gives an opportunity for the politico-cultural development of party members, in order that they may obtain a general and, especially a Marxist culture.

It works toward the creation of individual libraries, cell libraries, and libraries in factories, and for the best possible distribution of books, so that all workers may know our political line as contained in these works.

It controls and makes propaganda for the distribution of our newspapers.

It carries on cultural activity for the formation of theatrical teams, choruses, etc., and brings to their attention and sees to it that the workers and comrades in the cell take part in cultural demonstrations.

Treasurer (Casier) collects the dues, and keeps track of the payment of dues through the treasury of the party. The dues are not fixed; they are one percent of the income of those with fixed salary and are optional for those who have no fixed income.

He explains to the comrades the purpose of these dues, which maintain a party that has no other funds.

In the cells, organized according to labor divisions, and in small, cells the cell bureau is formed from these sections (those listed above), the cultural and "mass" sections assuming, in addition to their own work, that of the Patriotic Defense Section, the Patriots' Union Section, Youth Section, Women's Section, and Army Section.

Patriotic Defense Section (Resortul Apararii Patriotice) has the mission of explaining to the party members the role of the mass organizations of the Patriotic Defense. To this end, it obtains information by attending

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their meetings and diffuses this to the party members and the factory workers. It reads the Patriotic Defense bulletin, and supports the actions of this organization.

Patriots' Union Section (Resortul Unirii Patriotilor) has the mission of explaining to party members the role of the mass organizations of the Patriots' Union. To this end, it obtains information by attending their meetings and diffuses what it has learned among the party members and the factory workers. Directs those who cannot be accepted into the party to enroll in this organization.

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[redacted] comment: This satellite organization became the National Popular Party in early 1946.)

Peasants' Section (Taramii) centralizes the activities of party members on the "peasant line" and gives instructions as to how this work is to be done. Its members must know their specific problems: the agrarian reform, the supply with necessary implements by means of the formation of consumers' cooperatives and producers' cooperatives, thus aiding in the direct exchange of production between the workers and the peasants and achieving a lower cost of living.

It must know how to strengthen the mass organization, the Ploughmen's Front, explaining to them our political line and the help which the Communist Party gives them in their claims and in finding party members.

Youth Section (Tineretul). The youth must be educated because they are future supporters of the party, so each member must take it upon himself to teach one or two youths. This work is centralized in the person in charge of the Youth Section.

He must know the Progressive Youth organization which must be supported because it is carrying on the work of education by democracy and progress. He must read the newspaper Youth, from which may be obtained some information in this direction. He must be in their midst in order to know their problems, their claims, and how he can support them. We will prepare a cell plan for work in this direction.

Women's Section (Resortul femeii) works toward attracting women into social life.

It strengthens the organization, "Union of Anti-Fascist Women", and obtains information on the activity of this organization.

It mobilizes party members in order to carry on this work in the factory and outside it.

It works toward getting party members.

Army Section (Resortul militari) initiates the work of our comrades among the military.

It gives directions to mobilized comrades, according to the instructions received from the Army Section of the party.

It points out to the cell the importance of this work, the purpose of which is the democratization of the army.

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2. Order of business of a cell meeting. The following document outlines the items of business to be considered at each meeting of a party cell, and lists the cell official responsible for each item:

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1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Politics of the day (agitation news).
3. Report on a lesson learned at the school for cadres.
4. Work reports of the comrades.
5. Labor union questions (unhealthy currents).
6. Closing of the meeting.

Explanation of the above points.

- Point 1. The political secretary opens the meeting and states the items which will be discussed.
- Point 2. The politics of the day are drawn from our newspapers, from among the events of the last week in the field of international, internal, and local affairs.
- Point 3. The lesson learned at the school for cadres is delivered. It must be well prepared by the comrades attending the school.
- Point 4. Those who have been assigned duties by the cell will tell how they have fulfilled their work, what difficulties they encountered, how they will be surmounted, and their initiative. Comrades in the cell committee will also give their report as to how they have fulfilled their work and the conclusions that they have drawn.
- Point 5. Report of the comrade in charge of union activity. He must be informed as to all the activities undertaken by the committee so that he can reply to the comrades' questions.
- Point 6. The work plan is drawn up and assignments are given. The secretary closes the meeting.

The personnel secretary is responsible for the manner in which this plan is carried out. He must name a few days in advance, the comrades who will speak and will give them details so that they are well prepared. He will be assisted by the political secretary.

3. Organization and functions of the Sector (Sectorul) Organization. Little information is available concerning the structure and activities of the Sector (sometimes called Ward) organization of the party. The sector organization, which consists of several cells in the same city or town apparently supervises the work of individual cells, and passing on instructions from higher headquarters and receiving bi-weekly reports on cell activities.
- a. The following document, which it is believed was prepared in early 1946, lists the officers of a Sector organization in Braila:

RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY RAILROAD SECTOR

Committee of the Railroad Sector, Braila

1. Political Secretary

Udrea Malanca (Viforeanu)

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2. Organization Secretary
3. Personnel Secretary
4. Political Education
5. Labor Union Work
6. Cultural Work
7. Patriots' Union
8. Patriotic Defense
9. Peasants
10. Army
11. Youth
12. Women
13. Treasurer

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Sava Scarlet
 Costica R. Vasile
 Avram Moise
 Ion Patrichi
 Pascali
 Gheorghe Mititelu (I. Nita)
 Ion Ciocan
 Ion Muresanu
 Petre Marza
 Niculai Buzila
 Antoniana Teodorescu
 Dumitru Ionescu

- b. Each cell is required to submit bi-weekly reports to the Sector organization of which it is a part, outlining activities of the cell and future plans. Subjects to be discussed in these reports are listed in the following undated document:

REPORT

1. Organizational increase. (reference is to recruiting of new members)
2. Organizational work with the masses, women, and youth.
3. Who are the comrades who have been outstanding in their work?
4. Which are the hostile currents and how are they being fought?
5. Obligations for the increase of production. Competition by cells.
6. Difficulties encountered and if they have been resolved within the line of the party.
7. Difficulties in the factory with our comrades, with reactionary elements, with the owners, and how they have been solved.
8. The situation of the economists.
9. Does a work-plan exist, what is it and how much has been achieved?

In all probability, these reports are passed by the Sector to higher party headquarters.

- c. The type of reports submitted to the Sector by cells is illustrated by the following report for the first half of January 1946, submitted to the Railroad Sector, Braila, by the cell in Regional II Direction, Rumanian State Railroad, of the same city.

RAILROAD COMPANY REGIONAL CELL
 RAILROAD CAR OFFICE, SUPPLY OFFICE ETC.

In the course of the month of January, the cell of the Regional II Direction held cell meetings on 4 January and 11 January. Because our cell had too many members, there arose the necessity of dividing it. At present we have the RR car Movement Office, Commercial Office, Insurance Office, Supply Office and Telecommunications, which has 100 members.

It would be well to divide once more but the lack of a meeting place is felt. This happened to the other cell of the L. T. Personnel Office although understanding had been reached with Comrade Lepadatu for approval of the conference hall of the Regional II Direction, because Comrade Porestau was in Bucharest or for other reasons (sic). Anyway, the question remained unsolved.

In general, some hesitation is noted among the employees as regards enrolling, due to the fact that they lived in a liberal era which has ended, due to prejudices, and for fear that the other items will return.

In M 1 Office, Regional II Direction, we are meeting resistance and

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hostility as regards enrollments because of the fact that the head of the office, Vasile Cozma, is not enrolled in the party. We have only one member, Damian Galon. In this same office, we have the clerk, D. Sprinceanu, who has been excluded from the Union for not attending meetings and for a hostile attitude toward the Union, and he certainly holds the same attitude toward the party. In the M 3 Office, we have the enrollment card of the head of the office, Constantin Serbescu, former legionary, who enrolled in order to keep the position he had won. For the time being, we do not have anyone with whom to replace him because it is a technical office.

At the Telegraph Office, a number of clerks have been appointed recently from the management of the Regional Direction without being enrolled in the party. Since the head of the office is Gheorghe Manolescu whom we do not trust, it would seem that all the newly-appointed should be enrolled. In this same office have been assigned the son of Comrade Balineanu of the Social Democrats and the daughter of Mihail Constantinescu, concerning whom we are informed that she is appointed by the Personnel Office and who will certainly bring a favorable Social Democratic influence. I think that the new political party, the National Popular party, will catch on more easily among the ranks of those who still hesitate to enroll. It is vitally necessary that all unit leaders, the heads of offices in the offices in the first place, be enrolled, which would be a decisive factor for their subordinates.

In this question, the decisive role will belong to Comrades Porestau, Antoci, Chirica and Gheorghe Mititelu.

Comrades Ion Fatu and Cozma Spatarel have been outstanding in their work.

The two comrades proposed for the school for cadres, Ion Netedu and Gheorghe Botezatu, did not measure up and had to be replaced.

Political Secretary

Ilie Nistor

4. Recruiting, propaganda, and industrial production campaigns. As with other Communist parties, the Romanian party conducts rather frequent recruiting and propaganda campaigns to increase membership and keep the interest of its adherents at fever heat.

a. The letter given below sets forth the goals established for a campaign for an increase in party membership, greater activity among members, and increased industrial production, opened on 1 May 1946 and closed on 23 August 1946 (anniversary of the coup d'etat). Campaign goals for payment of dues and recruiting of wives of members indicate a general lack of enthusiasm for the party among the rank and file of its membership.

RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY
BRAILA SECTOR

To: The RR Car Movement Cell

Comrades, today heavy burdens lie before our party and the entire people. Therefore, we Communists have our duty before this people to fight and to remove all these difficulties, mobilizing the entire cell and, in its turn, all conscientious and honest intellectuals in this section so that altogether we may use all our capacity and all our power to remove as quickly as possible all these difficulties inherited from the historical parties of Maniu Bratianu

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who dragged our people into war against the peaceful peoples of the Soviet Union.

Comrades, in order to remove these difficulties, a concrete work-plan must be drawn up and must be submitted in the first general meeting of the cell so that all comrades have a job and so that the plan may be fulfilled between 1 May and 23 August 1946.

All branches of activity are included.

The work-plan should be submitted for free discussion and should comprise the following in general:

The reconstruction of the country, the fight against all reactionaries and fascist remains, as well as the problem of the elections.

Concrete Plan

1. Increase in the number of members by 60.
2. Holding of regular and weekly meetings.
3. Participation of comrades at meetings will be 50 percent.
4. Formation of a shock team (production).
5. Increase of production by 20 percent.
6. Two comrades to go to the party school for guides.
7. Ten comrades to go to the school for cadre (personnel).
8. Formation of a team of agitators of 5 comrades.
9. Formation of a library of the party's editions and members' donations.
10. Subscriptions to "Scanteia" '90 and "Inainte" 50.
11. A theater team will go into the country.
12. A team of guides will go into the country.
13. The wives of comrades will be enrolled up to 20 percent of members.
14. The unmasking of all fifth-columnists.
15. Dues will be paid up to 70 percent.

Comrades, being convinced of your capacity for work and considering the obligations undertaken by the cell office before the Sector committee, I am convinced that this work-plan will be greatly exceeded by 23 August 1946.

You will send us a weekly report and a monthly one on the progress of this plan.

With comradely greetings,

Political Secretary,

Udrea Malanca

- b. Membership and other targets for cells, as indicated in the next document, are prepared by The Braila County Organization, which likewise requires progress reports.

(Undated)

Questions which secretaries of cells will answer in connection with the plan drawn up by the County Organization

1. Has the cell bureau been reorganized with active people?
2. Are cell meetings held regularly, and if not, what measures have been taken?
3. What work-plan has the cell drawn up, and in accordance with that plan, what tasks have been given to the comrades?
4. Have the Statute of the Rumanian Communist Party, the

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Report and the Resolution been studied? ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

5. Have measures been taken for the liquidation of the misunderstandings in enterprises between the Communists and the Social Democrats? Have attempts been made to strengthen the United Front?
 6. Has the number of members been increased according to the plan, and by how much?
 7. Has a work-plan been drawn up by enterprises in connection with the increase of production?
 8. What progress has been made with the women and the youth? How many women have enrolled in the Party, in the Union of Rumanian Anti-Fascist Women, and how many youths in the Rumanian Progressive Youth?
 9. Who has been outstanding in work; how is the weak participation of students in the County Organization school for cadres and in the propaganda school explained?
 10. How did the cell perform in distributing books and the paper SCANTEIA, in comparison with the plan drawn up by the County Organization?
 11. What initiative have the Communists in the cell taken in connection with the work-plan for reconstruction; how do they support the economat, what needs exist?
 12. Critical and self-critical comments and obligations.
5. Party propaganda in rural areas. Instructions for conducting party propaganda among the peasantry is contained in the following document. Party members from urban areas are regularly sent into the countryside to preach the Communist gospel. They frequently meet hostile receptions in the villages. These instructions, which were apparently prepared in a higher party headquarters and circulated to cells, are designed to inform essentially amateur propagandists how to meet and counter such receptions.

(Undated)

Directions for the Bases of Conversation which Propaganda Teams will Attack in the Districts

1. The most difficult thing will be the beginning, that is, the starting of the conversation. One of the guides, man or woman, depending on whether the host is a man or a woman, addresses him in friendly fashion, saying that he has come to make a visit on a friend, in order to know the way people think in this district, in order to acquaint himself with the problems and, if necessary, to discuss what might be done.
2. The comrades show that they are Communists and the conversation develops along the following lines:
 - (a) What do you think of Communism, are you afraid of Communists? What do you think of the Rumanian Communist party? Is there any difference between your opinion of the Communists before 23 August 1944 and now?

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- (b) Depending on the answers to these questions, the conversation turns to the local problems of the district (which must be well-known beforehand, as well as their solutions), social categories (similarly), and they will try to direct all the dissatisfaction to those who have exploited the people, those who provoked the war and those who helped the former. The position of the Communist party will be explained in regard to these problems and the following will be emphasized: that the Communist party does not seek to destroy the family or small properties, but it seeks to help the needy and to raise the standard of living of the entire people.

The composition of our party will be shown: workers, peasants and honest intellectuals, besides other categories of social classes; employees, teachers, artisans, all united to take the country out of the difficulties in which it finds itself today.

The sabotage of the reactionary cliques will be pointed out, the difficulties which they place before the government and the necessity of the whole people knowing the whole truth on all these problems. It must be shown that our party is not demagogic, that it does not pursue hidden purposes but seeks to direct the people on the best road whereby it may better the living conditions of all who work.

- (c) We shall ask the person concerned what politics he carries on and we shall ask him to tell us sincerely because we shall not try his conscience or his belief, but we only wish to explain what we are working for. If the person is a "Manist" or "Bratienist" (National Peasant or Liberal), or if he is not politically inclined, we shall show him that we are a party or order, a workers' party, a party which seeks legality and justice, that we are unjustly slandered, and that until 23 August 1944 most persons did not have the opportunity to know the truth about the fight which our party waged in order to lead us along the right path.

We must proceed with much tact and diplomacy and with much good will toward the "Manists" and "Bratienists", taking into account their pride, appealing to their sense of honor, their respectability, and their intelligence so that they will be willing to converse.

These small concessions will have to win their sympathy, so that they see in us Communists only what we are in reality.

3. The conversation having been established, we shall ask the person to consult one of the books we have with us for confirmation of what we said, requesting him to read up on it and to form an opinion which he may tell us later if he will allow us to re-visit him. We shall tell him that we are always at

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disposal so that we may learn what his problems are, and we, in our turn, can disperse as much as possible the prejudice which has formed in the minds of many persons.

4. If the person accepts our book, that is a success for us, and shall urge him strongly to read it. If, from the beginning, the person is interested and sympathetic, we shall tell him that our party needs men like him who sees things as they are, and we shall urge him to tell his friends about his conversation with us. We shall also point out that our party is a party supported by workers and by all people who work for the good of the people. We shall ask him if he would like contribute with a sum, however small, toward the support of our party, taking this to mean a gesture of sympathy, to show us that he is with us and those who work for the good of the country.
5. Regardless of the result, we shall thank the host for his benevolence in having listened to us and we shall try to leave him on the best of terms.
6. Each team will have books (in each book will be indicated the price), the newspaper SCANTEIA (a few copies), and a receipt-book.

Organized use of Political Slogans. Political slogans are widely used in Rumania. Chanted slogans are peculiarly effective in this language and are widely used by all political parties for demonstrations and open-air meetings. Prior to 10 May 1946, Rumanian Independence Day, the cell in Regional II Direction issued a list of slogans to be shouted on that occasion, together with instructions as to their use. Since similar slogans were used in Bucharest on that day, undoubtedly they were prepared by the national organization of the party and distributed to cells through subordinate headquarters.

Slogans to be Shouted

When the reaction shouts out slogans about the King, for example: "King and Army", or "King and Maniu", or "King and Country", our slogans must be shouted: KING AND PEOPLE, KING AND GROZA, LONG LIVE THE KING OF DEMOCRATIC RUMANIA, KING AND DEMOCRATIC ARMY.

These slogans must be shouted by all comrades in order to drown out the reactionary ones.

While parading, workers and peasants shout:

LONG LIVE INDEPENDENT RUMANIA!
 LONG LIVE THE ARMY IN BROTHERHOOD WITH THE PEOPLE!
 LONG LIVE RUMANIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP!
 LONG LIVE TRANSLVANIA UNITED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC RUMANIAN FATHERLAND!

LONG LIVE THE GROZA GOVERNMENT AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRY!

These shouted slogans alternate with those shouted in chorus:

THE AR-MY OF THE PEO-PLE!
 THE KING AND GRO-ZA!
 FOR GRO-ZA WE WILL FIGHT!
 U-NI-TED FRONT! U-NI-TED FRONT!

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7. Recruiting techniques. Economic and political pressures have been widely used by the Rumanian Communists to increase their membership. The following excerpts from cell reports and other documents illustrate the types of pressures utilized in recruiting among the workers and employees of the Rumanian State Railroad in Braila and jealousy of Social-Democratic influence.

a. Enrollment of supervisors in order to influence subordinates.

Bi-weekly report of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad, to Railroad Sector, for first half of January 1946:

In M 1 Office, Regional II Direction, we are meeting resistance and hostility as regards enrollments because of the fact that the head of the office, Vasile Cozma, is not enrolled in the party.....

Bi-weekly report of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad to Railroad Sector, for last half of January 1946:

.....Among the enrollments in the Regional II Direction, one may note the subdirector, Dumitru Antoci, enrolled by comrade Moise and myself, the head of the Office L, Ioan Popovici, enrolled by comrades Petre Marza and Marin Chirica.....

.....I have said it once and I repeat it that there is not one person at the head of Office T who is enrolled in the party, and this is a bad influence on the subordinate personnel which hesitates to enroll.....

.....The principle issued by the party that now or in the course of time there should only be people enrolled in the party in the leadership is a good one. If it were applied, it would render us great service.....

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comment: Report was signed by
I. Nistor, Political Secretary.)

- b. Recruitment of women. Cell reports are replete with complaints that the women, including wives of members, are not interested in joining the Communist party. The following excerpts from cell reports illustrate the methods used in recruiting women into the party.

Bi-weekly report of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad, to Railroad Sector, for last half of January 1946:

Comrade Chirica should persuade superior controller Constantin Barca + have his daughter from Office T enrolled. This would have a double purpose. (1) It would render us a service and the other girls who are hesitating would also enroll. (2) His attitude as to whether he is an opportunist or is faithful to the party would be defined.

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c. Membership in Party as prerequisite to employment.Bi-weekly report of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad, to Railroad Sector, for first half of January 1946:

.....At the Telegraph Office, a number of clerks have been appointed recently by the management of the Regional Direction without being enrolled in the party. Since the head of the office is Gheorghe Manolescu, whom we do not trust, it would seem that all the newly-appointed should be enrolled.....

d. Rivalry with Social-Democratic Party.Bi-weekly report of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad, to Railroad Sector, for first half of January 1946:

.....In this same office (Telegraph Office) have been assigned the son of Comrade Balineanu of the Social Democrats and the daughter of Mihail Constantinescu (Local Social-Democratic leader), concerning whom we are informed that she is appointed by the Personnel Office and who will certainly bring a favorable Social Democratic influence.

Bi-weekly report of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad, to Railroad Sector, for second half of January 1946:

.....The most unpleasant thing recently in our sphere of activity is the noiseless backstage fight between Misu Constantinescu and myself. Because I have taken from his party several comrades, he has begun to use unpermissible means and has threatened those enrolled with us that when he will take over the leadership of the Social Democratic party, they had better watch out. He criticizes the Syndicate, recalls that he is anti-semitic, believes that there should be a Social Democrat and a Communist at the head of the United Labor Front and that he should recommend the Social Democrats. In general, the position of the Social Democratic party in the Regional II Direction is very weak, and those who have remained enrolled there will transfer to us at the first favorable moment.....

8. Personal information required of applicants for party membership. Full information is secured on the background of prospective members, who are then investigated. If a favorable report is rendered, candidates are admitted to membership by a majority vote of the cell meeting. The following undated document lists personal information required of individuals desiring to enter the party:Autobiography

1. First and last names, date and place of birth.
2. First and last names of parents, their profession, whether they entered politics.
3. First and last names of brothers and sisters, their profession, place where they work, whether they entered politics, and what kind of politics are they in at present?
4. What studies has he undertaken, school, trade-school?

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5. Where has he worked, where does he work, in workshop, enterprise, town or country?
 6. Was he or was he not in a syndicate, and where?
 7. Was he in politics, what kind, since when, and until what date?
 8. Was he ever convicted and for what reason?
 9. Did he take part in the war against the USSR, from what date until what date, how did he behave with the soldiers of the regiment, and what rank did he have?
 10. Has he been decorated, and why?
 11. Does he have relatives in the police or gendarmerie, or not?
 12. What attitude does he have toward the party and why does he join our ranks?
9. Secret evaluations of members of cell in Regional II Direction, State Railroad, Braila. The preparation of secret evaluations of party members is the responsibility of the secretary for cadres. Such records on the membership of the cell in the Office of the State Railroads in Braila, which ran to 158 entries when the latest entry had been made, were kept in a pasteboard-backed notebook devoted solely to this purpose. The following information was supplied on each member:

- a. Name and surname
 - b. Occupation
 - c. Office of State Railroads in which employed
 - d. Date entered the party
 - e. Civil state (Starea Civilă)
- (This entry appears to be in code)

Opposite each name is the evaluation, which was kept current by additional entries made from time to time.

The following sample entries will serve to illustrate the type of evaluations given and the elements of Communist conduct upon which emphasis is placed. Numbering indicates order of listing in record book. Entries under name cover items a-e, above. Underlining appeared in original document.

Constantin Viforeanu

1. Office head
Insurance
12 April 1945
v. c.

Good speaker, works hard to explain to the masses, participates in cell meetings, enrolls members, speaks to our cell whenever present. Took part in the dispersal of the Manist-Bratianist meeting on 22 April 1946.

Ioan Fatu

4. Clerk
Railroad Car
4 May 1945
c.2.c.

Went to the school for cadres of the Romanian Communist Party from 25 October 1945 to 27 January 1946. Then sent into the country for 10 days to explain the agrarian reform, on 24 March. Sent by the Braila county organization to Bordei Verde village and held a cell meeting advertised with Rumanian Communist Party slogans. Enrolled in party two comrades from office and 15 from the country. Took part in the dispersal of the Manist-Bratianist meeting on 22 April 1946.

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Petre Baltac

On 21 May, went to search of the printers Gheorghiu and Stefanescu and one on Colesti. On 20 May, sent by the Braila county organization into Braila to explain to the population the work of the Groza Government and the coming elections.

Ilie Nistor

8. Office Head
Railroad Car
26 July 1945
c.z.c.

Very good, has spirit of true Communist, works hard to explain to the masses, assisted by brochures of the great Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin. On 28 January 1946, sent into the district of Braila in order to explain the agrarian reform. Majority of members enrolled are due to him. Took part in the dispersal of the Manist-Bratianist meeting on 22 April 1946. On 20 May, sent by Braila county organization into city to explain to the population the work of the Groza Government and the coming elections.

Emil Costinescu

9. Office Head
Commercial
4 August 1945
v.c.

Does not participate regularly in meetings, does not enroll members. On 22 April 1946, ran away from the Braila county organization where he was called for orders.

Gheorghe Mititelu

11. Office Head
Movement
10 August 1945
c.z.c.

At the beginning, due to overtime at office, he did not participate regularly at meetings. Lately, comes regularly, is well prepared in the politics of the day, is liked by the comrades and has a good reputation. Took part in the dispersal of the demonstrators at the Manist-Bratianist meeting on 22 April 1946.

Ioan Stefanescu

18. Advisor
Movement
17 October 1945
c.f.c.

Comes regularly to meetings, does not enroll members. Took part in the dispersal of the demonstrators at the Manist-Bratianist meeting on 22 April 1946.

Ion Netedu

26. Advisor
Movement
11 December 1945
c.f.c.

Does not participate regularly in meetings. Suggested for personnel school but refused saying he had doctrinal knowledge.

Veniamin Faclieru

28. Office sub-head
Railroad Car
5 December 1945
c.i.c.

Participates regularly in meetings. Took part in the dispersal of the demonstrators in the Manist-Bratianist meeting of 22 April 1946. On 21 May, took part in the search of 3 printers who worked on Manist-Bratianist manifestos.

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- Teodor Rotaru Does not participate regularly in meetings, does not enroll members, I believe that he has enrolled for personal interests.
29. Advisor
Movement
6 December 1945
c.i.c.
- Ioan Rosu Does not participate regularly in meetings, suspect that he has enrolled for personal interests.
43. Advisor
Movement
13 December 1945
c.i.c.
- Angela Belu Participates regularly in meetings, does not enroll members though she could, and attention has been drawn to this.
49. Clerk
Movement
20 December 1945
v.c.
- Damian Galan Participates in meetings. Given the job to go into the country, held a cell meeting in the village of Bordei Verde, enrolling eight members, together with Comrade Fatu.
58. Advisor
Movement
12 January 1946
v.c.
- Avram Moise Participates in meetings, speaks and gives assignments to comrades in cell. Participates in other cell meetings and speaks, explaining to the working mass the true democratic spirit.
60. Office head
Railroad car
12 January 1946
no entry
- Emil Gauber Does not participate regularly in meetings, is to be warned and we shall ask for a decision from the members.
67. Doctor
Insurance
16 January 1946
c.f.c.
- Maria George Does not participate in meetings, handed in two papers for enrolling two office employees and does not show any sign of life.
74. Stenographer
Commercial
20 January 1946
v. c.

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